

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/2/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 - 24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 - 24 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: in light of the disclosed claims 1 and 13, the best prior art of record found during examination of the present application are: **Mangold et al. (USPN 2002/0093929), Liang (USPN 2005/0239474), and Hirsch et al (USPN 2003/0128684).**

Mangold et al. disclose a system and method of avoiding or reducing interference between two co-located communications systems, i.e., 802.11 and HiperLAN/2 or H2. A QoS CF Poll message is sent to stop the transmission of one of communication systems and a contention period and contention free period is also disclosed.

However, Mangold fails to disclose explicitly second standard messages conforming to second communications system and the way the timing of CFPs and CAPs for the first and second communication systems is coordinated.

Liang discloses a system and method for the coexistence of co-located wireless networks comprising 802.11 and Bluetooth. A reservation request is sent to the network in order to gain access to the wireless channel. Therefore, the network decides whether to grant permission to transmit or not.

However, Liang fails to disclose first and second standard messages and the timing of the CFPs and CAPs for the first and second communication systems.

Hirsch et al. disclose coexistence of different modulation schemes in a WLAN, which comprises OFDM and DSSS/CCK stations. Both stations can communicate when polled by the AP during a contention free period one at a time. During a contention period both stations are allowed to access the channel according to a CSMA technique.

However, Hirsch fails to explicitly disclose the timing of CFPs and CAPs for first and second communication systems is coordinated such that: a CFP for the first system spans a CFP for the second system and its beacon period and a CAP for the second system spans a CAP for the first system and its period.

In light of the combination of the above-cited references, the present invention as claimed is novel and non-obvious since the prior arts of record do not contain either explicitly or implicitly the limitations as a whole as disclosed in claims 1 and 13. In addition, any reasonable combination of the cited references cannot be used to reconstruct the claimed invention. Therefore, the present application as disclosed is allowable.

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Conclusion

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